

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the one-word paragraph on line 1 of page 1.

After the title paragraph on line 3 of page 1, and before the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 1, please insert the following section heading:

5 --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

After the paragraph at lines 5-6 of page 1, and before the paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 1, please insert the following section heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

After the paragraph at lines 1-6 of page 4, and before the paragraph beginning at line 8 of page 4, please inset the following section heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please delete the paragraph at lines 15-16 of page 6.

Immediately before the paragraph beginning at line 18 of page 6, please insert the following section heading:

15 --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

After the paragraph at lines 27-30 of page 6, and before the paragraph beginning at line 32 of page 6, please insert the following section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--.

On page 16, please delete the abstract in its entirety and replace it with the replacement abstract (marked-up version) provided herewith on a separate sheet. The separate sheet is the immediately following page of this amendment.